

Preliminary Amendment  
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**Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.**

**Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:**

In an electric power steering apparatus, in which an auxiliary steering torque is generated by an electric motor according a steering torque impressed upon a steering wheel transmitted to a rack shaft of a steering mechanism via a power transmission mechanism. The power transmission mechanism has a small diameter external gear, and an outer circumferential face thereof acts as a drive side pulley, a driven side pulley driven by the internal-external gear and a ball screw mechanism driven by the driven side pulley so as to move the rack shaft. A circular support body is concentrically provided at the external gear and an annular support body, which supports the circular support body, is concentrically provided at the internal-external gear so as to be inscribed with the circular support body.